

2025 Colorado Aviation Economic Impact Study

Total Economic Impact of Colorado's Aviation System



\$68.9B

Total Business Revenues

348,466

Total Jobs

\$23.5B

Total Payroll

\$40.3B

Total Value Added

Key Sector Contributions



On-Airport Activities

Jobs:
176,935
(Avg Salary: \$80K)

Business Revenues:
\$39.8B



Off-Airport Visitor Spending

Jobs:
150,344

Business Revenues:
\$22.7B



Off-Airport Air Cargo

Jobs:
21,297

Business Revenues:
\$6.4B



Agricultural Aerial Application

Jobs:
5,359

Business Revenues:
\$1.05B

2023 Colorado Aviation Activity

- Colorado's airports recorded 40.6 million commercial passenger enplanements (boardings), a 22% increase from 2018.
- Nearly 1.7 million general aviation aircraft operations (takeoffs and landings) were recorded, a 14% increase from 2018.
- Over 847,000 tons of air cargo were landed, nearly 60,000 tons more than in 2018.

Aviation Growth Highlights

- DEN added 8 new airlines between 2018 and 2023, rising from the 20th to 6th busiest airport in the world by passenger seat capacity.
- Southwest Airlines added service at Montrose (MTJ), Yampa Valley Regional (HDN), and Colorado Springs (COS).
- Expansions of Pilatus Aircraft and BAE Systems manufacturing facilities at Rocky Mountain Metropolitan Airport (BJC) added 500+ direct jobs.
- U.S. Space Force's Space Operations Command at Peterson Space Force Base (COS) significantly boosted Colorado Springs' economy.



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Total Economic Impacts by Airport

City	Airport Name	FAA ID	Jobs	Payroll	Value Added	Business Revenues
<i>Commercial Service Airports</i>						
Alamosa	San Luis Valley Regional	ALS	258	\$15.0M	\$26.9M	\$52.4M
Aspen	Aspen-Pitkin County	ASE	7,316	\$440.3M	\$826.2M	\$1.4B
Colorado Springs	Colorado Springs Municipal	COS	34,829	\$2.7B	\$3.7B	\$5.2B
Cortez	Cortez Municipal	CEZ	219	\$15.1M	\$27.5M	\$50.7M
Denver	Denver International	DEN	244,172	\$15.9B	\$28.0B	\$47.2B
Durango	Durango-La Plata County	DRO	1,993	\$111.8M	\$199.7M	\$342.1M
Eagle	Eagle County Regional	EGE	4,404	\$269.3M	\$487.7M	\$783.4M
Grand Junction	Grand Junction Regional	GJT	3,398	\$255.3M	\$445.8M	\$817.0M
Gunnison	Gunnison-Crested Butte Reg.	GUC	958	\$54.5M	\$91.9M	\$154.9M
Hayden	Yampa Valley Regional	HDN	3,574	\$178.0M	\$313.3M	\$512.7M
Montrose	Montrose Regional	MTJ	4,323	\$231.0M	\$421.5M	\$713.1M
Pueblo	Pueblo Memorial	PUB	838	\$60.8M	\$118.5M	\$226.1M
Telluride	Telluride Regional	TEX	571	\$31.1M	\$57.5M	\$97.1M
<i>General Aviation Airports</i>						
Akron	Colorado Plains Regional	AKO	109	\$8.4M	\$13.2M	\$25.0M
Blanca	Blanca	05V	1	\$6K	\$12K	\$20K
Boulder	Boulder Municipal	BDU	281	\$23.3M	\$43.4M	\$78.3M
Brush	Brush Municipal	7V5	3	\$33K	\$41K	\$63K
Buena Vista	Central Colorado Regional	AEJ	29	\$1.5M	\$2.4M	\$4.6M
Burlington	Kit Carson County	ITR	28	\$1.5M	\$2.3M	\$3.9M
Canon City	Fremont County	1V6	81	\$4.9M	\$6.9M	\$11.1M
Center	Leach	1V8	2	\$15K	\$26K	\$46K
Colorado Springs	Meadow Lake	FLY	248	\$16.8M	\$29.2M	\$54.1M
Craig	Craig-Moffat County	CAG	78	\$4.9M	\$9.2M	\$18.8M
Creede	Mineral County Memorial	C24	21	\$940K	\$1.7M	\$3.2M
Del Norte	Astronaut Kent Rominger	RCV	36	\$2.0M	\$3.9M	\$8.2M
Delta	Blake Field	AJZ	37	\$2.6M	\$4.9M	\$9.7M
Denver	Centennial	APA	9,236	\$769.6M	\$1.3B	\$2.4B
Denver	Colorado Air and Space Port	CFO	1,093	\$81.9M	\$130.4M	\$213.0M
Denver	Rocky Mountain Metropolitan	BJC	4,969	\$427.5M	\$748.6M	\$1.4B
Eads	Eads Municipal	9V7	9	\$279K	\$355K	\$503K
Erie	Erie Municipal	EIK	144	\$8.4M	\$13.2M	\$23.5M
Ft Collins/Loveland	Northern Colorado Regional	FNL	118	\$8.1M	\$10.9M	\$17.9M
Fort Morgan	Fort Morgan Municipal	FMM	839	\$52.6M	\$87.4M	\$160.5M
Glenwood Springs	KGWS Sumers Airpark	GWS	126	\$8.5M	\$16.4M	\$34.2M
Granby	Granby-Grand County	GNB	53	\$4.2M	\$5.9M	\$8.4M
Greeley	Greeley-Weld County	GXY	1,067	\$55.8M	\$88.1M	\$154.0M
Haxtun	Haxtun Municipal	17V	3	\$26K	\$52K	\$94K
Holly	Holly	K08	1	\$51K	\$65K	\$89K
Holyoke	Holyoke Municipal	HEQ	76	\$3.4M	\$5.0M	\$9.2M
Julesburg	Julesburg Municipal	7V8	2	\$32K	\$51K	\$89K
Kremmling	McElroy Field	20V	39	\$3.0M	\$4.7M	\$7.9M
La Junta	La Junta Municipal	LHX	38	\$2.5M	\$4.1M	\$9.2M
La Veta	Cuchara Valley	07V	2	\$5K	\$10K	\$19K
Lamar	Southeast Colorado Regional	LAA	27	\$1.4M	\$2.2M	\$4.0M
Las Animas	Las Animas-Bent County	7V9	4	\$21K	\$28K	\$40K
Leadville	Lake County	LXV	32	\$2.0M	\$3.1M	\$5.8M
Limon	Limon Municipal	LIC	37	\$2.2M	\$3.0M	\$5.1M
Longmont	Vance Brand Municipal	LMO	448	\$29.6M	\$46.0M	\$73.6M
Meeker	Meeker-Coulter Field	EEO	42	\$1.9M	\$3.5M	\$6.4M
Monte Vista	Monte Vista	MVI	23	\$886K	\$1.3M	\$2.4M
Nucla	Hopkins Field	AIB	10	\$287K	\$546K	\$907K
Pagosa Springs	Stevens Field	PSO	47	\$3.2M	\$5.8M	\$11.9M
Paonia	North Fork Valley	7V2	3	\$98K	\$174K	\$294K
Rangely	Rangely	4V0	46	\$2.4M	\$3.5M	\$5.5M
Rifle	Rifle Garfield County	RIL	391	\$25.1M	\$42.5M	\$79.4M
Saguache	Saguache Municipal	04V	2	\$10K	\$15K	\$22K
Salida	Harriet Alexander Field	ANK	53	\$4.2M	\$6.3M	\$11.7M
Springfield	Springfield Municipal	8V7	5	\$133K	\$195K	\$371K
Steamboat Springs	Bob Adams Field	SBS	190	\$11.7M	\$20.9M	\$48.3M
Sterling	Sterling Municipal	STK	48	\$3.8M	\$5.9M	\$11.3M
Trinidad	Perry Stokes	TAD	14	\$770K	\$1.4M	\$2.5M
Walden	Walden-Jackson County	33V	4	\$70K	\$113K	\$184K
Walsenburg	Spanish Peaks Airfield	4V1	8	\$381K	\$547K	\$1.0M
Westcliffe	Silver West	C08	11	\$459K	\$839K	\$1.5M
Wray	Wray Municipal	2V5	66	\$4.1M	\$6.2M	\$11.3M
Yuma	Yuma Municipal	2V6	36	\$1.4M	\$1.9M	\$2.9M
Total Statewide Impacts*			348,466	\$23.5 Billion	\$40.3 Billion	\$68.9 Billion

K: Thousands, M: Millions, B: Billions

*Off-airport air cargo impacts were calculated at the statewide level only, meaning the total statewide impacts presented do not equal the sum of the individual airport impacts.